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Total nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Rhode Island rose for the fifth consecutive month to the June level of 460,900 with gains occurring in both the Goods Producing and Service Producing sectors. While the June job total represented an increase of 1,200, it was 7,800 less than the year ago figure of 468,700.

Employment in the Service Producting sector advanced 700 from May to June, but was down 1,000 compared to the June 1989 level. Seasonal hiring in Trade resulted in a monthly job gain of 1,500. Job levels in both Transportation/Public Utilities and Finance/Insurance/Real Estate increased 300 from last month. Overall Government employment dropped 300 in June while Services employment declined 1,100 (mainly due to decreases in private education).

Employment in the Goods Producing sector, at 125,000, reflected a gain of 500 from May but was down 6,800 from a year ago. As a result of additional seasonal hiring (+ 200), Contract Construction employment rose to 19,600 in June. Manufacturing jobs totalled 105,400 in June, representing an increase of 300 from May's level, but a reduction of 4,700 from the June 1989 figure. Manufacturers of Nondurable Goods posted a monthly upturn of 300, while employment in Durable Goods showed no overall change. Employment in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment registered the largest monthly gain (+ 200), followed by increases of 100 each in Nonelectrical Machinery, Textiles, Apparel, Paper Products and Leather Products. Theses gains more than offset declines of 100 each in Stone-Clay-Glass, Electrical Machinery, Jewelry-Silverware and Printing-Publishing. Payroll levels in the remaining nine industrial categories-five in Durable Goods and four in Nondurable Goods-were unchanged from May.

The June work week averaged 39.9 hours, up 0.3 of an hour from May and 0.1 of an hour from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.40 in June, unchanged from May but up 40 cents compared to June 1989.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjsuted June unemployment rate was unchanged from the May estimate of 6.8 percent, indicating stability in the state's overall unemployment picture. The unadjusted rate fell 0.4 of a percent in June to 6.5 percent from last month's level of 6.9 percent. Correspondingly, the jobless total dropped by 2,000 to 34,000 in June.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate declined to 5.2 percent in June from the prior month's estimate of 5.3 percent. In contrast, the U.S. unadjusted rate rose two-tenths of a percent - from an estimated 5.1 percent in May to 5.3 percent in June.

WOONSOCKET CLASSIFIED AS A LABOR SURPLUS AREA

The city of Woonsocket was recently classified as a Labor Surplus Area by the U S Deparment of Labor Employers who agree to perform a "substantial portion" of the work in Labor Surplus Areas may be given preference in the award of federal procurement contracts and grants The Labor Surplus Area designation helps direct the government's procurement dollars into areas where unemployment is the highest

This department had submitted a petition requesting the Labor Surplus Area classification for the city of Woonsocket based on "exceptional circumstances " The city's unemployment rate had previously exceeded the current 7 1% qualifying criteria for more than three consecutive months and was expected to remain above that level for the next twelve months At this time, the city of Woonsocket is the only designated Labor Surplus Area in the state The present classification will remain in effect until September 30, 1990

New Labor Surplus Area designations will be determined by the Department of Labor for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1990 To be classified as a Labor Surplus Area and included in their annual listing, an area must have had an unemployment rate during the previous two calendar years which was at least 20 percent above the U S average unemployment rate during the same period

1989 DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The 1989 (Final) Annual Report of the R.I. Department of Employment Security for the calendar year 1989 is now available for general distribution. Effective January 1, 1990, the former Department of Employment Security became the Department of Employment and Training (DET). As such, DET is now the principal administrative agency charged with coordinating all employment and training programs in Rhode Island.

The final DES report summarizes the Department's response to a variety of employment and income maintenance needs of Rhode Island's citizens. It contains statistical tables relating to departmental operations and 1989 Rhode Island economic data. Programs and services highlighted in the report include those activities of the Unemployment Insurnace, Temporary Disability Insurance and Job Service divisions and supporting units which collect taxes, register employers, and provide economic analysis and labor market information.

A copy of the Annual report may be obtained by writing to the R.I,. Department of Employment & Training, Public Relations Unit, 101 Friendship Street, Providence, RI 02903. There is no charge for the

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

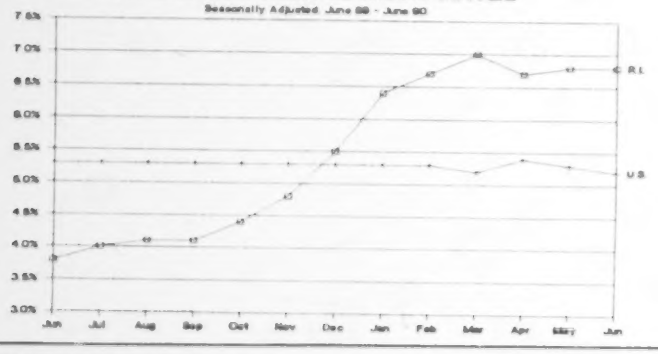
	June 1990	May* 1990	June* 1989	
Civilian Labor Force	524.6	521.6	525.9	
Resident Employment	490.6	485.3	506.7	
Unemployment	34.0	36.0	19.2	
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.5	6.9	3.7	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.8	6.8	3.8	*Revised

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	June 1990	May 1990	June 1989
Civilian Labor Force	126,307	124,640	125,569
Resident Employment	119,605	118,277	118,719
Unemployment	6,702	6,363	6,850
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.3	5.1	5.5
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.2	5.3	5.3

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)			NET CHANGE FROM	
	June 1990	May 1990	June 1989	May 1990	June 1989
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	460.9	459.7	468.7	+ 1200	- 7800
GOODS PRODUCING	125.0	124.5	131.8	+ 500	- 6800
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19.6	19.4	21.7	+ 200	- 2100
MANUFACTURING	105.4	105.1	110.1	+ 300	- 4700
SERVICE PRODUCING	335.9	335.2	336.9	+ 700	- 1000
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.8	15.5	16.1	+ 300	- 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	108.1	106.6	109.3	+ 1500	- 1200
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	26.9	26.6	27.2	+ 300	- 300
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	125.2	126.3	125.0	-1100	+ 200
GOVERNMENT	59.9	60.2	59.3	300	+ 600

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

June 1990

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGE Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	105.4	375.06	39.9	9.40
DURABLE MFG.	71.9	371.33	39.8	9.33
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.0	443.85	38.9	11.41
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.4	461.77	38.1	12.12
PRIMARY METALS	4.1	426.83	41.4	10.31
FABRICATED METALS	8.9	355.85	40.3	8.83
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.8	459.50	40.7	11.29
ELECTRICAL MACH.	6.3	345.35	38.5	8.97
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	8.2	491.23	40.8	12.04
INSTRUMENTS	7.1	401.58	40.4	9.94
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	20.9	295.42	39.6	7.46
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.2	307.64	37.2	8.27
NONDURABLE MFG.	33.5	385.27	40.3	9.56
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.7	366.53	40.5	9.05
TEXTILES	9.1	349.83	41.4	8.45
APPAREL	1.6	308.11	39.2	7.86
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.2	373.42	40.9	9.13
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.6	447.70	37.0	12.10
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.8	470.72	41.4	11.37
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.8	396.32	40.9	9.69
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.8	426.12	40.2	10.60
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.9	286.53	40.7	7.04

Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded from the Establishment Employment figures. Current month figures are PRELIMINARY. Prior month and year figures are REVISED.